

THE BALTIMORE ELITE GIANTS  
Members: Negro National League  
Publicity Story

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The Baltimore Elite Giants have one of the strongest aggregations representing Negro baseball. The club which formerly played as the Nashville Elite Giants, has over a period of eight years, met and defeated many of the countrys leading-independent, semi-pro and all star teams, composed of a large number of former, and present major-minor league players, too numerous to mention-from coast to coast.

The team, now under the management, of Felton Snow, an infielder, and as shrewd as any strategist, among the playing managers has a crew of players that always put forth their best efforts in endeavoring to give the baseball public a run for its money.

The Elite Gians roster is made up of men whose ages average in the neighborhood of twenty-five years. With a veteran, here and there as a steadying influence. Practically half of these men leave for Cuba, Puerto Rico and Mexico, when the regular league season here closes in September, and play ball during the winter.

In scanning the line up, you'll find at first base, Johnny Washington, a slender six foot two youngster of twenty-~~six~~, who not only is a clever guardian of the initial sack, but is a consistent slugger. Washington hits well above the .300 mark.

Manager Felton Snow, holds down second base, and in a very capable manner. The "skipper" is no showman in the field, but seldom misses his man. He has a fine throwing arm, and is a dangerous batter at all times. Snow's average with the willow generally hovers around the .320 mark.

Third base, is in the hands of another fine ball player, in the person of Henry "Jake" Spearman. Here is a lad that really powders the pill. Spearman, also is the Snow type of fielder, maybe none too clever in scooping them up, but can rifle the ball across the diamond like nobodys business. "Jake" usually hits around .330.

At shortstop, is a dynamic personality if ever there was one. He is Tommy "Pee Wee" Butts. Fans wherever this twenty-~~one~~ year old little hustler plays, are amazed by his smooth scintillating work in the short field. This is Butts' second semester in big time ball---and if ever a "kid" showed promise of developing into a star, he is one. "Pee Wee" is a fair hitter, has plenty of speed and is smart as a steel trap. Butts' batting average ranges from .270 to .290.

The Baltimore outfield is second to none in the N.N.L. league. Bill Hoskins, a hefty fellow of twenty-~~eight~~, in left field clouts the ball to all fields, and is the clubs leading swatsmith. Hoskins is among the league leaders, in runs batted in, home runs, triples and doubles. Bill is a better than average fielder, and fast on the base paths. Hoskins hits, in the .350 bracket.



In center field is Charlie Biot, (pronounced Bee-ot) repited to be the best mid-field gardner in the league. Biot is twenty-three, and has a very bright future. At present he is'nt any to consistent with the war club, but will come up with his share of base knocks. He stays around the .295 mark.

In right field is the veteran Homer "Goose" Curry. A .340 hitter, that knows his way around out there. The Goose is a tirlle slower in the field than either of his mates, but makes up for this laxity with hard hitting and smart base running. He is an artist at getting the jump on pitchers, and his headlong dives into bases will thrill the fans.

Roy Campanella and Robert "Eggie" Clark, the former a youngster of twenty, and the latter a veteran of fifteen years of experience handle the catching chores. Campanella, is a peppery lad, weighing 180 pounds that hits the ball hard and far. He has, a marvelous throwing arm, and will delight fans with his sharp pegs to bases. Clark, though not as colorful is a clutch hitter, a master handler of pitchers and has one of the most accurate throwings in baseball.

The pitching staff ranks with any in the league. Headed by Bill Byrd, a strapping six foot right hander of thirty-~~two~~<sup>three</sup>, who up to July 1st, won nine and lost two. Roy Williams, a strike out artist, Jonas Gaines, a left hander, who hurled the final victory to capture the 1939 championship. And Emery Adams, mainstay of last seasons staff, comprise Mgr. Snow's big four. All these men are well trained in the field of pitching, and first class performances can be expected from any one of them.

Bill Barnes, twenty-two, youngest member of the hill corp, has set many of the leading teams such as the Homestead Grays, and the N.Y. Bushwicks back will also be in readiness for any emergency. Big Bob Griffith, a top-notch flinger, of some eight years service, and Jesse Brown a portsider with considerable mound duty complete as fine a pitching group around.

Geo Scales, a veteran campaigner of note in the role of coach and utility man closes the roster. Scales has filled in capably in both the infield and outfield. He also has been meeting the ball with enough gusto to make opposing hurlers respect him.